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Agawam Baptist Church UWF Jingle Valley Fair Saturday



The United Women's Fellowship of Agawam Baptist Church will hold their annual Jingle Valley Fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. Mrs. Phyllis Catchepaugh is general chairman of the event. Pictured above left to right are: Mrs. Shirley Goss, Mrs. Lois Buiniskas and Mrs. Catchepaugh.

The Senior BYF "Snack Bar" will be open all day and a spaghetti and meat ball dinner will be served from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m.

The "Blacksmith Shop" will have a display of elegant white elephants ranging from antiques to good-as-new items. Serving as

chairman is Mrs. Shirley Goss. Gifts such as stuffed toys, knitted sweaters and caps are being prepared under the direction of Mrs. Lois Buiniskas and Mrs. Ruth Cassida. These items can be found in the "General Store."

The "Copper Kettle," which will have a variety of home-made baked pies, cookies, breads, baked beans, ham and potato salad, is under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Damon.

"Grandma's Cupboard" will be filled with home-canned jams, jellies, preserves, pickles and rel-

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Harvest Festival Sunday At St. David's Church

This Sunday, Nov. 24th, the parishioners of St. David's Episcopal Church will observe their annual Harvest Festival at all services.

On this Saturday, each family or individual, brings to the church a portion of the harvest; either fruits, vegetables or canned goods. By this act recognition is given that the plenty of the earth, autumn's store, comes from the provident hand of God from whom all Blessings flow.

Members of the Altar Guild of the church, fashion a harvest display of the offerings of the people in the sanctuary. This affords the worshippers a colorful reminder of Him who is the giver of all good gifts.

At the ten o'clock service, children of the church school bring forward to the Altar offerings of fruit, these being presented along with the gifts of the people. At this service special Thanksgiving Canticles and anthems are sung together with the singing of a Thanksgiving hymn by members of the Junior choir.

Following the services all the ingathering of the people is given to those in need thus concluding the three-fold act of bringing, witnessing and sharing.

"We thank Thee then, O Father For all things bright and good, The seedtime and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food: Thy gifts we have to offer For all Thy love imparts, That which Thou desirest Our humble, thankful hearts."

Matthias Claudius, 1782

Advertising and News Deadline

Advertisements and news copy for our Thanksgiving issue, Nov. 28, must be received on or before Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

F. Hills HCIL Group Meet Nov. 25

The Feeding Hills Hampden County Improvement League Group will meet on Monday evening the 25th at 8 at the home of Mrs. Eileen Abbey, chairman, at 13 Broz Ter. (Off Springfield St., across from Line St.)

"HOW IS YOUR CREDIT?" will be the topic for the evening. The discussion will help families decide correct use of credit — different kinds of credit, shopping for credit, and terms of a credit contract. Mrs. Aileen Abbey will be the leader for the credit program.

Second part of the evening will be devoted to knitting which will be taught by Mrs. Zoafia Demko. This will be a beginners' course to teach basic steps in knitting. A hat will be made for which the participants are asked to bring the following items: 4 oz. of knitting worsted, No. 6 and 8 short knitting needles.

Serving refreshments after the meeting will be Mrs. Bert Abbey and Mrs. Ellie Broz.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Welcome Wagon Club Meet Nov. 20

The West Springfield-Agawam Welcome Wagon Newcomers' Club meeting for Nov. 12 was postponed due to inclement weather.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the home of Mrs. Normand St. Cyr, 246 Forest Glen, West Springfield.

Mr. Roger Ring, Manager-Better Living Center, Westfield, Mass., will demonstrate the making of Christmas decorations.

Charter Member Scroll Given Golden Age Club

The Agawam Golden Age Club was presented a hand-penned, painted and framed scroll listing their 56 charter members by Mrs. J. Clinton Wright of 1013 Main St., Agawam.

The scroll was accepted by the Agawam Golden Age secretary, Mrs. Etta Stetson. The scroll represents the Golden Years and the Fruit of Life. The panel design on the left of the inscribed

plaque represents the theme of life — the white and blue flowers represent the early years and the blossoms of youth; the unbroken line of vines and grapes throughout the design depicts the richness, strength and permanency of one's imprint on life when one has attained the Golden Years. (Continued on Page 4)

Opens Office



JOSEPH R. CIMINNA

Joseph Rosario Ciminna, a graduate of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic and formerly of Long Island, N. Y., has opened his office for the practice of Chiropractic at 1968 Westfield St., Westfield.

Women's Club To Meet Nov. 25

A lecture on the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will be presented by its director, Miss Juliette Tomlinson, at the Nov. 25th meeting of the Agawam Women's Club, Capt. Charles Leonard House, Agawam Center.

The invocation will be given by Mrs. Daniel Trombla and featured vocalist will be Mrs. Frank Meyer, Jr. The American Home Committee will display selected fall floral arrangements. Mrs. Bill Swiconek is hostess for the evening.

Jaycee-Ettes Holiday Bazaar Fri. and Sat.

Last year the Agawam Jaycee-ettes held their first annual children's Christmas Party for all the Jaycee children. Due to the success of the project President Gail Handy has appointed Mrs. Linda Hall chairman of the project again this year.

Mrs. Hall announces plans for an expanded program this year.

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, the Jaycee-ettes will hold a bazaar at the Agawam Food Mart. The proceeds from this bazaar will be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing gifts to be given to the deserving children attending the party with the Jaycee children. At the bazaar will be a baked goods table, a table of festive decorations, gift wrappings, and gifts. All items for the bazaar have been hand made by members.

A tentative date of Dec. 15 has been scheduled for the Christmas Party. There will be refreshments, games, Santa Claus, gifts for all the children. All Jaycee children are invited with their parents providing their gifts.

Jr. Women To Show Children's Film Sat.

The Agawam Junior Women's club will present the third in a series of films for children at the Junior High School this Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1:30 p. m.

The film to be shown this week is "One Wish Too Many." The plot features Peter Brown, who finds a marble which he discovers will grant him any wish. This sets off a series of humorous events which change the lives of many people. This movie has won international acclaim and has been enthusiastically received by children.

Tickets will be sold at the door at 1 p. m. Admission is 50c. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are asked to call for their children at 3 p. m.

W. Springfield Coin Club Show Dec. 1

The annual coin show sponsored by the West Springfield Coin Club will be held at the VFW Hall, Riverdale St., West Springfield on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m., it was announced by John A. Colby, club president.

Roger Gaboury, a former club president, is chairman of the show and is being assisted by Gilbert J. Boutin and Joseph H. Sheridan.

Dealers from all over New England will have tables for the display, purchase and sale of coins.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Admission to the show is free.

Chalkliners' 'Tunnel of Love' Starts Friday



Left to right, Alice Jones as Isolde Poole, and David Hyatt as Augie Poole in the Chalkliners' production of "Tunnel of Love" playing Nov. 22, 23 and 24 at their Country Barn Playhouse, 1822

Main St., Agawam. A snack buffet is included during the evening. See story on page 4. . . . Chalkliners Create Own Theatre.

Local Jaycee-Ettes To Meet Nov. 26

The regular monthly meeting of the Agawam Jaycee-ettes will be held on Tuesday evening the 26th, at the home of Mrs. Paul Pappas, 1411 Main St. The meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.

Members are reminded to bring with them a donation for the Thanksgiving basket.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Junior/Youth Choir Director

Friday—11 a.m.—Service of Worship at East Longmeadow Nursing Home; 6:15 p.m.—Bowling Teams at Westside.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. The Church at Worship . . . Nursery for Infants . . . Church School in session until 10:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour; 6 p.m. Youth Group.

Tuesday—6:10-6:45 p.m. Youth Choir practice; 6:45-7:30 p.m. Junior Choir practice.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Nancy Lund,
Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary

Thursday: 1:30 p.m. Ella Bond Circle meet at home of Mrs. Frances Hodge, Bailey St.; 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearse at church.

Saturday: 10 a.m. Jingle Valley Fair — In Bodurtha Hall. Various booths will be open. A spaghetti and meatball supper to be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are .99 cents for adults and 60c for children under 12.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. morning worship — Rev. Lockhart will preach morning service and the Senior Choir sing; 10:30 a.m. Church School for all ages; 6 p.m. Senior BYF and Junior High BYF's meet at church.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Thursday—12 noon, Ladies Aid Luncheon meeting — "Near and Dear" Everyone bring a particularly treasured belonging and tell us about it.

Friday—7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School for Nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a.m. Church School, 7th Grade thru 12th Grade; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School for Nursery thru 6th Grade; 7:30 p.m. Senior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday—8 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Church Service.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.

Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
 Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Sunday: 10 a.m. Church school for grades nursery through 6th; Children are reminded to bring in food for the Thanksgiving Baskets; 10 a.m. Worship Service; Thanksgiving Sunday — The Church School will worship with the congregation. Dedication of food contributions for baskets. The Cherub Choir will sing; 6 p.m. The Senior High Fellowship meet to make final plans for the Advent Program on Dec. 1.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting

of the Board of Stewardship and Missions.

Note: Friday, Nov. 29 at 7:15 p.m. Hayride for the Senior High Fellowship. Meet at the church at the above time to go to Southwick. Ride starts at 8 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tuler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 meets in parish hall.

Sunday — 8 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening prayer and Youth Fellowship.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior choir practice.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

Hot Holiday Cheese Dip

The homemaker who serves "something special" during the holidays lends an added charm to her entertaining. Hot Holiday Cheese Dip provides a "warm" touch to cocktail parties and before-dinner conversations. It can be quickly and easily prepared with the use of an electric blender.



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| 1½ cups Swiss cheese cubes | 2 cups light cream |
| 1 cup Parmesan cheese cubes, or 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese | 1 teaspoon steak sauce |
| 1 medium onion, quartered | 6 tablespoons flour |
| ½ cup butter | 2 chicken bouillon cubes |
| | ½ cup sauterne wine |

Put half the Swiss cheese into the Osterizer blender container, cover and process at Grind (Hi) until grated. Empty into bowl and repeat process with remaining cheese.

Put onion into blender container, cover and process at Stir (Lo) until chopped. Sauté in butter until golden. Put onion and butter into blender container, add remaining ingredients except wine, cover and process at Mix (Lo) until smooth. Pour into saucepan and cook over low heat until thickened. Gradually add grated cheeses, mixing well after each addition. When cheese is melted, add wine and mix thoroughly. Pour into chafing dish and keep hot over water. Serve with shrimp or ham rolls. Yield: 3 cups.

ATTEND THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Churches of Agawam, will also be taken.

Catholic and Protestant, will join in a united Thanksgiving Day service at the First Baptist Church, Agawam Center, Sunday evening, Nov. 24th at 7:30.

In keeping with the ecumenical spirit which has pervaded the relationships of all churches in our community, all the clergy will participate in the service. Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, host pastor, will preach the sermon.

Parishioners of all the churches in Town are asked to join with their fellow townsmen in the spirit of Thanksgiving and are urged to bring canned goods, vegetables, poultry—anything at all in the line of food—as a donation to our needy. An offering

The traditional Thanksgiving Day service in First Church of Christ, Scientist on Thursday, Nov. 28th, will include a period for testimonies of gratitude to God from individuals in the congregation. The service is at 11 a.m. and the church is located at 599 State St., Springfield.

A brief Lesson-Sermon, consisting of readings from the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, relates gratitude to an understanding of God's goodness and love. The Lesson-Sermon will be read by the First and Second Readers of the church. The public is welcome to attend this service.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
 MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Sunday—10 a.m. Morning worship with sermon: "Thankful for What?"; Sunday School, classes in Dunn Community Hall; 6:30 p.m. Youth group meeting.

Tuesday: 8 p.m. Meeting of Board of Trustees.

Special Note: All are urged to bring canned goods, fresh vegetables and monies for the annual baskets for the needy.

Coming: Sunday Dec. 8 — First of a series of Breakfast Branches sponsored by the Men's Club.

The preacher came along and wrote upon the signboard: "I pray for all."

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Agawam, Cathedral Join On Concert Stage Today

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Directors Dante Pilegi of Cathedral and Darcy Davis of Agawam have worked on the idea since last year. The venture took shape as the members of the Agawam Band came to Cathedral High for their first combined rehearsal a few weeks ago and became firm at other evening rehearsals including one at Agawam.

The program which includes

only music by the combined bands (not by either alone) will be repeated for the Agawam student body at a later date and possibly again at another location. The majorettes of both bands have also worked on a combined routine of twirling that will be presented during the program in which both directors will share the conducting.

The making of music together is an activity where the rivalry of the sports field is turned into a cooperative effort with the members of both bands becoming one unit (for a time), that has greater potential than either separately.

Trustees To Study Library Schools

Mrs. William Keogh returned Saturday night from attending the New England Library Trustees Executive Board meeting at Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. Keogh said: "After Agawam's Chief Librarian was unable to go to Simmons College or to the Universities of Rhode Island and New York because of the distance involved, I found out that other librarians in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were confronted with the same problem. Therefore, at the 1967 annual meeting of the Massachusetts Library Trustees in Fitchburg, I made a motion, which was adopted, that the Massachusetts Library Trustees write to the University of Massachusetts to establish a graduate school in library science.

After consulting with Mrs. Edward Peck, West Springfield, Representative Coffey filed such a bill. It was defeated in committee. Nevertheless, at the suggestion of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Library Trustee Assn., Miss Ervin, Manchester, and First Vice-President, investigated further. As a result of her investigation the Executive Board voted that this was a New England area problem and the New England Trustees should look into the situation.

Therefore, I presented the problem to the New England Library Trustees Executive Board at the annual meeting in October of this year. Saturday, they voted to undertake this as a major project. The New England trustees;

A man was complaining that he had just bought a prefabricated house and that it had, in the end cost him \$50,000.

"Fifty thousand!" exclaimed one of his friends. "Isn't that an awful lot to pay for a prefab?"

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Notes

The Agawam Library Staff recently attended the Western Massachusetts Library Club at Ware, Mass., where they heard a discussion of the Pros and Cons of Paper Back Collection.

A No. 914 Xerox machine has been installed in the library which will enable the library to copy loose sheets and materials from books and other sources.

Miss Richard announces that Agawam Libraries will celebrate Children's Book Week, Nov. 17-23, in a variety of ways. There will be a story hour for preschoolers, a contest for grade schoolers, and slides in the evening at the local library branches. The final arrangements have not been completely worked out, but details will appear in this column at a later date.

Mrs. Bruno Zucco says that any one interested in donating funds for the addition should make checks payable to "Library Addition Furnishing Fund and Ruth E. Zucco, Trustee."

The Agawam Board of Library Trustees awarded the General Contract for the Center Library addition to the Lindgren Company of East Longmeadow. There were three other companies whose bids were higher.

Valley Bank Offers National Credit Card

Valley Bank and Trust Co. has announced that its Valley Charge Card plan will become part of a national bank credit card system early next year. Valley will join more than 500 banks in 34 states that participate in a universal credit card program known as Master Charge, which includes membership in the Interbank charge network.

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Chalkliners Create Own Theatre

While amateur theater groups in the Greater Springfield area rent or borrow stages upon which to present their art, the Chalkliners of Agawam are creating their own theater.

Just doing their own thing, the veteran Agawam troupe has a solid reputation for coming up with innovations that please their audiences. Although the new theater will be a real innovation among amateur groups, Mrs. Doreen J. Deliso points out that the kind of inventiveness required for a small group to create a theater is backed up by large measures of sweat equity and plagued by a community-theater bug-a-boo known as pocket-book slump.

In order to prevent the latter, the Chalkliners are leaning heavily on the former. Other economies promise to place the group immediately in a better financial position than they experienced when they were renting halls and clubhouse space. Director Deliso says that such a proposal as obtaining theater facilities would not have been brought to the club's board of directors if increased revenues were not expected from the move; revenues that will be used to provide later improvements to the facility.

The theater is made possible through the generosity of Jim and Mickie Sgorbati, who provided the use of a barn and land at the rear of their 1822 Main St., Agawam, homestead.

Situated beside a grassy knoll, the buildings are approached over a rustic wooden bridge that spans a nearby brook.

But the lovely pastoral scene on the outside tells nothing of the hard construction work the Chalkliners have done on the inside.

A concrete floor has replaced the original wooden one; solid, hand-hewn beams placed securely by the original yankee craftsmen are strengthened by solid steel bracing. The corn-crib is now taking shape as a stage and the stalls, thoroughly scrubbed, are being converted into utility areas.

Relays of members have swept the walls, loft and floors with a huge industrial vacuum cleaner.

Working against time, the group gave up its "Downstage" quarters on Springfield St., Feeding Hills, removing its furniture, flats and props in an exhausting two-day effort to situate comfortably in its new home.

Now rehearsal lines of "Tunnel of Love," a comedy by Joseph Fields and Peter DeVries compete against the sound of hammers and saws as construction crews race with production crews to beat a Nov. 22 deadline when the play will begin a three-day run.

Mrs. Deliso says she is confident that the race will be a dead heat.

"We'll be ready, because that's the way we do things," she says, adding, "If providence helps us, we won't let our audience down."

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The background decorated in golden leaves is the eminence of the Golden Years reflecting on all generations and the Fruit of Life. The scroll was exhibited at the Golden Age Club meeting on Nov. 13th.

Agawam Baptist

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ishes. Chairman of this booth is Mrs. Phyllis Geckler.

"The Sweet Shoppe" will have many kinds of home-made candy. Many novelty and specialty items have been prepared under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Edwards and Mrs. Dorothy Jenks.

The "Carriage House" will feature hand-made aprons of all styles for the ladies, barbecue aprons for the gentlemen and junior miss aprons for the small fry. Mrs. Gertrude Carr is chairman of this booth.

"Elfin Gift Shop," with Mrs. Lillian Howe as chairman, will



November 25

through

November 26

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, toasted ham and cheese roll, buttered peas, peanut butter sandwich, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Frankfurt on buttered roll, school baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, peanut butter sandwich, lemon filled cake w/chocolate icing, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, Sloppy Joe on bun, buttered carrots, fruit cup, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, oven baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, buttered carrots, applesauce cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, toasted ham and cheese on roll, potato chips, buttered mixed vegetables, cake, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, grilled hamburger on buttered roll, relish, catsup, cheese cube, onion rings, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, Pizza w/cheese tomato sauce, buttered green beans, cheese wedge, cookies, chocolate custard pudding w/whipped topping, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Orange juice, baked beans w/frankfurt rings, but-

be open only for children and items will be priced with their pocketbooks in mind.

The "Browse Shoppe" will have a wonderful selection of books. Mrs. Dorothy Magovern and Mrs. Martha Magovern are in charge of this booth.

Christmas wreaths, decorations and plants will be found in "The Shed." The Mr. and Mrs. Club, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lapine, are busy working on this booth.



COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Denna Piccin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Celeste Piccin of 18 Mulberry St., and Miss Karen Loncrini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Loncrini of 128 Cooley St., have become official members of Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn. at the Investiture Ceremony held in Aquinas Hall on Nov. 10.

Brian F. Rosso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Rosso of 65 Broz Ter., Feeding Hills, has joined the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.

Ronald E. Biuley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Bouley of 353 River Road, Agawam, has enrolled at Wentworth Institute. He will study electronic engineering technology, a special two-year curriculum in industrial and engineering.

Miss Valerie Ann Labun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Labun of 82 Kensington St., Feeding Hills, has enrolled at Lake Erie College, Painesville, O. She is a graduate of Agawam High School.

Miss Irene Karakla, of 826 South West St., Feeding Hills, will participate in the University of Mass. exchange program with the University of New Mexico during the present academic year. The program, sponsored by the School of Education, started in 1962 to help teacher trainees better understand sectional educational problems.

tered green beans, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, silver cake w/pineapple topping, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, grilled hamburger on buttered bun, relish, onions, buttered carrots, cheese cube, orange wedges, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread/butter, apricots, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered carrots, cheese sticks, butter cake w/hot fudge sauce, milk.

Tuesday: Citrus juice, hot open turkey sandwich w/gravy, cranberry sauce, buttered broccoli, ice cream cup, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, turkey noodle soup w/vegetables, crackers, ham salad on rye bread, celery sticks, fresh apple, peanut-butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg w/gravy on mashed potatoes, A.B.C. salad, peanut butter on rye bread, citrus fruit cup, milk.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGAWAM, MASS.

November 15, 1968
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Ristortante Vecchio, Leonard E. Johnson, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 84-86 Maple St., Agawam, in building consisting of two floors; top floor dining room and bar room; bottom floor—kitchen and dining room.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Societa Vittorio Emanuel III di Mutto Socorso, Albert Borgatti, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club at 33 Highland Ave., Agawam, building consists of one floor and cellar.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Green Gables, Inc., Aldo Lombardi, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 395 River Rd., Agawam, in building consisting of three floors; first floor — bar and dining room; second floor — Banquet Hall; Cellar for storage.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Ten Pin Cafe, Inc., Ernest F. Lombardi, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 365 Walnut St., Ext., Agawam, on one floor — lounge, rear for storage.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Agawam Sportsman's Club, Inc., Jack Cirillo, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: Wines and Malt Beverages as a Club at 100 Cory Street, Agawam, in Cinder Block building all on one floor—1 meeting hall—2 toilets—office—kitchen—back storage room—Club room with bar and a Boiler room.

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George Bickford To Represent WME Co. At Youth Conference

An Agawam High School senior has been selected as one of the nation's 800 top science students who will attend the National Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago, Nov. 21-23.

George B. Bickford, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bickford of 35 Elbert Rd., Agawam, is one of four students in western Massachusetts chosen to represent Western Mass. Elec-

join the delegation as a WMECO guest.

Among Bickford's many extra curricular activities, he is president of the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils, president of the senior class, and served as junior class president and vice-president of his sophomore class. He holds junior varsity and varsity letters in baseball and football.

In an scientific experiment, he is working on a solid fueled, multi-staged, aluminum rocket. He received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medal for excellence in science and mathematics.

The conference is sponsored annually by the investor-owned electric utility industry in co-operation with the National Science Teachers Association.



GEORGE B. BICKFORD

tric Co. on the basis of excellence in science studies, L. John Schinelli, WMECO Springfield area manager, said today.

His science teacher, Gerald J. Griffin of 12 Randall St., Agawam, has also been invited to

Buy UNICEF Yule Cards and Calendars

UNICEF greeting cards and calendars are now available. These cards express a message of peace and goodwill to all men. Internationally famous artists have donated the 20 designs. Many have traditional themes of the season, some are exotic, some have an international flavor, all are written in the five official languages of the United Nations.

One box sells for \$1.50 and this will protect 50 children from tuberculosis. The money from the sale of these cards provides powdered milk to starving children, vitamins, insecticide, medicines, school programs and equipment.

UNICEF cards may be obtained by calling Mrs. James Sgorbati, 1822 Main St., Mrs. John Peterson, 51 Monroe St., Mrs. Lawrence Habermehl, 1525 Silver St.

YMCA JOIN TODAY

Mario Sakellis, Executive Director of the local YMCA announced today that there will be a special Thanksgiving program Friday, Nov. 29th at the West Springfield YMCA building for boys and girls grades 3-6. The program will be held from 9-12 in the mornings and will be open to "Y" members and non-members to introduce non-members to our programs. The programs will include movies of "Abbott and Costello," "Jack and the Bean Stalk" games in the gym and a recreational swim. A \$1 fee will be charged to meet expenses and this may be paid at the door or in advance by calling the Agawam YMCA at 108 Perry Lane.

Mr. Sakellis will attend a meeting of the Area Youth Directors on Friday, Nov. 22nd at the Pittsfield YMCA. This meeting is to train and plan area wide programs for youth.

There will be a Junior High Dance on Friday evening, Nov. 22nd at South St. School from 7:30-10.

A special Pioneer Valley Nation Indian Guide meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 22nd at St. Marks Church, East Longmeadow.

The search for truth is so difficult that even preachers are unable to agree upon its exposition. — N. DeVane Williams, Holmes County (Fla.) Advertiser.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Mrs. Louis V. Mercadante, International Affairs Chairman, of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, recently held a Whist Card Party at her home for club members and guests.

Proceeds from the evening were used for the "Books Abroad" program. This month Mr. H. P. Gideon in Sitapur, India, was the recipient of a bookshelf of ten books.

Any club member interested in holding a card party in her home for this purpose is asked to contact Mrs. Mercadante.

Dr. Cortland E. Richmond, optometrist, Main St., Agawam, was among the nearly 300 educators, optometrists, psychologists, and others attending the third annual New England Interprofessional Forum on Vision and Reading, held last Saturday at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

The Forum was sponsored by the New England Council of Optometrists.

Glenn B. Wing, SN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Wing of 200 Silver St., Agawam, has returned home after his discharge at the San Diego Naval Air Base, Calif.

He joined the Navy in Aug. '66 and after basic training was stationed in San Diego. In Dec. '67 he was transferred to a Naval Station in Australia where he served for nine months prior to his discharge.

Mr. David Skolnick, Guidance Director at Agawam High School, was elected to the new position of Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Administrative Management Society's Springfield Unit.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Winners at the West Springfield Fish & Game Club turkey shoot last Sunday were: Clayton Brown, Al Gallant, Fran Richards, winner of 2, Dave Carpanelli, George Makrinnis, Preston Parker, Dick Godet and Al Christopher won the special prize.

Shoots will continue every Sunday through Dec. 15th starting at 1 p.m.

Waterfowling who want to take advantage of the special scamp (bluebill) season along the Mass. coastline will find many bluebills in certain areas, according to Warren Blandin and Dave Grice, waterfowl biologist of the Div. of Fisheries and Game Dept.

The two men made an aerial survey of those portions of the coastline open to scamp hunting during the special season which will run from Nov. 6-21, inclusive. They found heavy concentrations of scamp in some areas, few or none in other sections.

Several hundred scamp are presently in Newburyport Harbor, and there may be more as well. A few hundred are also to be found in Lynn Harbor now.

A heavy concentration of scamp may be found in Dorchester, Quincy, and Hingham Bays, with flocks sighted totaling about 7,500 bluebills in the three areas combined.

Some 1,600 scamp were noted in the Wareham River section of Buzzard's Bay, while another heavy concentration of about 4,200 were sighted in the Mount Hope Bay area, south of the Route 195 Bridge, within Mass. waters.

You may take five scamp per day and have in your possession ten.

UNGRATEFUL ADMINISTRATION

In 1965, President Johnson asked for the repeal of many of the excise taxes left over from World War II and Korea. Sportsmen reminded the President that they had originally requested the 11% tax on the guns and ammunition they buy in order to finance the nation's conservation programs, so the President let that one alone and the tax continues to supply revenues to the government.

This year, when he demanded that all guns be registered, and all gun owners licensed, the same President threatened to withhold revenues from this tax from the conservation programs if the states wouldn't go along with his program.

Did you know that criminals are exempt from registering guns!! Last Jan. 29, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that criminals may not be required to register firearms under certain

conditions, a ruling interpreted to mean that, if he owns a gun illegally, a criminal who registers it would be incriminating himself. The City Fathers in Chicago, carefully noting this decision, acted sensibly when they passed a gun registration law, and considerably excused from registration any person who owns an illegal gun. The law still applies to those who own a gun legally.

Again, the law abiding citizen is the goat of the politician. The people in office will take away every right the citizen has in the Bill of Rights to satisfy the "Anarchy" and to make himself look popular to the world.

The applications for obtaining a license to own firearms in Mass. are available at the Agawam Police Station. You must have either the I.D. Card or the receipt Jan. 1, 1969 in order to legally have a gun in your possession. Of course, if you are a criminal, why worry about an I.D. Card, the law of the land protects you. So this message is for the law abiding citizen. Get up your two dollars and obtain your I.D. Card before Jan. 1st.

Two United States Post Office Changes

Two recent postal changes will affect this year's Christmas mailing.

First: mailers can now send 30 pound parcels between first-class post offices which are 150 miles or more apart. The previous weight limit was 25 pounds.

Second: there is no longer any price difference between first-class and third-class mail, except with regard to weight. The penny difference has been eliminated.

First-class mail is 6 cents per ounce, while third-class mail is 6 cents for the first two ounces.

"Since most Christmas cards weigh under an ounce, it will usually cost 6 cents whether you send a Christmas card first-class or third-class unsealed," Postmaster Robert R. DeForge said.

"So, unless you're sending unusually heavy cards, it will be advantageous to send this year's Christmas cards first-class and receive the forwarding and return privileges."

Postmaster DeForge estimates Agawam's Post Office will process about 500,000 pieces of mail during the holiday season. Time and tax money can be saved if Agawam residents continue to use ZIP CODE in mailing and return addresses, he said.

The Old Timer



"You can tell a company by the men it keeps."

He (at the movies): "Can you see all right?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Is there a draft on you?"

She: "No."

He: "Seat comfortable?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Mind chainging places?"

FISHING LINES

By DICK WOLFF

SNOW: AN EARLY INTIMIDATOR

You look at that Wyoming sky with its leaden clouds in early fall and hope like the dickens you're not odd man out with your slender fly rod in the swift waters of the Snake River above Jackson. Snow comes early and fast and it's a gamble to get in and out with a creel of cutthroat trout.

The river is at its lowest this time of year and the air is chill and the wool shirt and the heavy wool socks in the waders are warm and comforting. I waded out knee-deep — down-stream from a head of boulders which broke the current and formed good holding waters.

My Abu Delta 3 reel was packed with GBG floating line and rigged to a whippy 7-foot, 10-inch Garcia Conolon 2536 rod. I lost little time tying a gray nymph to a 9-foot leader and casting into the holding waters below the boulders.

I watched intently as leader and nymph sunk away from my snaked out floater and began a slow hand-twisting retrieve. Working with nymphs takes a sixth-sense and only after hours of practice do you begin to distinguish a strike from a rock or stick snag.

The cutthroat — distinguished by the red markings along and below its lower jaw — inhabits the Snake River in large numbers and is a good under-water battler, though he seldom jumps when hooked. The joy was hooking into one with size and being sure it was a strike and not a snag. It was almost as uncertain as watching the clouds and wondering if they held snow.

In the first hour I hooked into a beauty — a four-pounder that ran out strongly taking all the slack from my fingers. He tired on Delta 3's pre-set drag and my occasional finger-braking, and he came flapping angrily in the shoal water where I waded.

Four cutthroat were in the creel when the warmth began to leave the heavy wool socks in the waders and the cold numbness began entering my fingers. It was a good three hours in the chilling waters of the river. But now the gray clouds were oppressively low and the high Tetons in the distance were whitening and the countryside was telling me to leave under rapidly departing safe conduct.



SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

The Springfield social security office began the search today for some 450 disabled people in the Springfield area according to Daniel J. Murphy Jr., social security district manager. Mr. Murphy reported that these disabled people, part of an estimated 165,000 nationwide, can become entitled to monthly disability payments because of recent changes in the social security law.

These changes provide for reduced monthly payments to a severely disabled widow as early as age 50. The disability may have begun before her husband's death, or within 7 years after. Under the same conditions, a disabled widower is eligible, but in addition he must have been dependent on his wife for his support.

About 100,000 of the people newly eligible for benefits under the recent changes in the law are young disabled workers who did not have sufficient work credits under the old requirement. Under the new provisions, a worker who became disabled before age 31 needs work credits for half of the time from age 21 to the time his disability began, with a minimum work requirement of one and one-half years.

Some of the newly eligible individuals will be reached through contacts with local public and private agencies, Mr. Murphy noted, but most will learn of their eligibility through news articles, radio and TV announcements or by word of mouth.

The staff of the social security district office is ready to accept applications for these benefits. Persons wishing additional information or assistance may call

781-2420 or visit the office at 145 State Street in Springfield. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Q. I have worked for many years. I became disabled shortly after my husband's death and began to draw payments on my own social security account. Now that I am age 50, can I apply for disabled widow payments, too?

A. If the reduced widow's benefit would be larger than the disability payment you currently receive, you would gain the difference. Please check with your nearest social security office.

Q. My maid works one day a week at \$3.50 per day. In addition to this I give her 50 cents for bus fare. Should this be reported for social security purposes?

A. Yes. Her pay is \$52 (\$4 per week times 13 weeks in quarter) a quarter and must be reported. When the bus fare is given in cash it is considered to be part of her regular wages.

Q. How did the recent change in the social security law make more young workers eligible for disability benefits?

A. If you become disabled between 24 and 31, you need to have worked under social security for only half the time between 21 and the time you become disabled.

If you are disabled before you reach 24 and will need only 1½ years of work under social security out of the 3-year period ending when your disability begins.

PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



Peg and Bob Shoemaker

The Agawam Promenaders will sponsor a square dance at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, in the auditorium of Robinson Park School on Begley St., and square dancers from other clubs are welcome. As usual banners will be presented to any guest club having 16 members present.

Al Bessette, of Walnut St. will be calling the dances and refreshments will be served by Lindy and Dick Davis assisted by Marge and John Ferraro and Lorraine and Joe Gasperini.

Plans are in the making for a Christmas party and dance which will be the only event planned by the club for December. It will be held on Dec. 13 at Robinson Park School. Special decorations and refreshments are being planned. Douglas and Adele Cochrane, program chairman hint that Santa Claus might become a square for the evening.

A Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers to fill the vacancies that will be caused by expiration of terms for Mary and Bob Adams, treasurer; Rosemary and Charlie Nathan, secretaries; and the Davis' refreshment chairmen. Serving on the committee are the Gasperinis, chairmen, Howard and Doris Greene, Al and Elaine Taupier, Bert and Claire McCormick and Red and Dolly Fessler. They will present the slate of officers at a brief business session on Dec. 13 and elections will be held for the ensuing year.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Winning door prizes were Beatrice Newton, Anna McLaughlin, Evelyn Miller and Ruth Cusson.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Jessie Tompkins, Anna McLaughlin and Sue McCarthy. Ace prize for the ladies was won by Evelyn Miller and Louis Franchere for the men.

The following received high score awards, Ladies: 1st Agnes Charest, 2nd Jo Newcomb, 3rd Winifred Roberts, 4th Evelyn Miller; Men: 1st Walter Haggerty, 2nd Frank DeSimone, 3rd Lawrence Duclos, 4th M. Mann.

The fifth game in the present series was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prizes were won by Florence Panaretas, Marion Damon, Harold Landers and Jessie Tompkins.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Henry Cole, Mary McKay and Anna McLaughlin. Ladies ace prize winner was Helen Nicols and Charles Chandler for the men.

The following received high score prizes: Ladies — 1st Philomena Bleauvelt, 2nd Viola Thayer, 3rd Mildred Cole, 4th Anne Hyde; Men — 1st Walter Haggerty, 2nd George Pierce, 3rd Harold Landers, 4th Lawrence Duclos.

The next card party will be held at the same place. . . day . . . time. . . we'll be looking for you!

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APPRENTICE SULLIVAN COMPLETES BASIC ENGINEERING

Great Lakes, Ill. (FHTNC) — Fireman Apprentice James E. Sullivan III, USN, son of Mr. James E. Sullivan Jr. of 817 Southwick St., Agawam, has completed Basic Propulsion and Engineering School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the nine week course he studied the fundamentals of engineering science and ship propulsion machinery.

He now enters a six-week phase of intensive training in the Navy job classification of engineman. He will learn to operate and maintain gasoline and diesel internal combustion engines and associated shipboard machinery.

LT. KELLEY ABOARD U.S.S. BENNER

Long Beach, Calif. (FHTNC) — Navy Lt. (junior grade) Joseph M. Kelley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kelley of 12 Witheridge St., Agawam, has returned to Long Beach, Calif., aboard the destroyer USS Benner.

His ship, with other units of Destroyer Squadron 29, has completed a six month combat cruise in the Western Pacific.

While off the coast of Vietnam, the destroyer provided Naval gunfire support for U. S. and Allied forces ashore. The Benner concentrated on enemy artillery positions, fortifications and troop concentrations.

Midway in the deployment the destroyer crossed the Equator and visited Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, where the ship held open house.

When the destroyer returned to the line it participated in gunfire support, carrier support missions and several anti-submarine warfare exercises, including joint Japanese-American anti-submarine exercise "Power Pack" in the Sea of Japan.

VIETNAM (FHTNC) — Marine Captain Christopher A. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hodges of 816 Main St., and husband of the former Miss Judith L. Warren of 119 Albert St., all of Agawam, Mass., is serving with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323, a unit of the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam.

The wing has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its combat achievements during the period of May 1965 to Sept 1967.

Air arm of the Third Marine Amphibious Force, the wing operates several hundred aircraft which includes fighter, attack, reconnaissance, helicopter and transport aircraft.

In addition to providing aviation support for the First and Third Marine Divisions, the First Marine Aircraft Wing supports other American and Allied forces in the five northernmost provinces of South Vietnam.

S/S FLOWERS ON DUTY AT CAM RANH BAY

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam — Staff Sergeant Homer E. Flowers, son of Mrs. Margaret E. Mann of RFD 1, Hancock, Md., is on duty at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Flowers, a food service supervisor, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Vietnam, he was assigned to McConnell AFB, Kan. The sergeant attended Hancock High School.

His wife, Geraldine, is the daughter of Robert W. Simpson of 829 River Rd., Agawam.

SGT. SCHLAGEL IN 4TH INFANTRY AT VIETNAM

KONTUM, VIETNAM — Army Sergeant Mark J. Schlagel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Schlagel, 490 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was assigned Oct. 28 to the 4th Infantry Division near Kontum, Vietnam, as a rifleman.

MURAWSKI STATIONED AT AFB IN THAILAND

U. S. AIR FORCES, Thailand — Sergeant Steven D. Murawski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karol J. Murawski of 34 Sunrise Ter., Agawam, is on duty at Ubon Roy al Thai AFB, Thailand.

Sergeant Murawski, a jet aircraft mechanic, was assigned to

Avoid Yule Rush; Mail Early

Times have changed, and our mail attests to it.

This year, theoretically, every man, woman and child in the United States will be receiving 407 pieces of mail annually.

In 1847, the average postal patron received six letters a year. During the Christmas rush, the postal service carries more mail in a month than most countries do in a year.

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge asked all area residents to mail now to avoid severe overloading of postal facilities. He also urged residents to keep their sidewalks and curbside mail box approaches clear of snow and ice so that postal employees will not be delayed in delivering the large volume of mail.

Confucius say: "Man who crosses ocean twice and doesn't take a bath is a dirty double-crosser."

Tyndall AFB, Fla., before his arrival in Thailand.

He is a 1964 graduate of Agawam High School.

JORGENSEN IN FIRST CALVALRY DIV.-VIETNAM

U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM (AHTNC) — Army Specialist Four Andrew C. Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Jorgensen, 69 Parker St., Agawam, was assigned Oct. 9 to the 1st Calvary Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam, as a computer operator.

His wife, Susan, lives at 771 Belmont Ave., Springfield.

DUQUETTE PROMOTED TO ARMY SPECIALIST

GLENHAUSEN, GERMANY (AHTNC) — Mark E. Duquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Duquette, 405 Silver St., Agawam, was promoted to Army specialist four, Oct. 12 near Gelnhausen, Germany, where he is serving with the 3rd Armored Division.

Spec. Duquette, a track vehicle mechanic in Service Battery, 2nd Battalion of the division's 6th Artillery, entered the Army in Aug. 1967, completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C., and was stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., before arriving overseas in March 1968.

The 21-year-old specialist was graduated from Agawam High School, Agawam, in 1966 and was employed by City Eave Trough, Feeding Hills, before entering the Army.

CAPTAIN HODGES IN VIETNAM

VIETNAM (FHTNC) — Marine Captain Christopher A. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hodges of 817 Main St., and husband of the former Miss Judith L. Warren of 119 Albert St., all of Agawam, is helping to provide aviation support to Marine units while serving with the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam. His unit is a part of the Third Marine Amphibious Force.

As a member of the wing he also helps to support other U. S. and Allied ground forces operating in the republic.

His unit is also engaged in a civic action program designed to assist the Vietnamese people in

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completing self-help projects, such as the building of wells, culverts, small bridges and schools. Equipment and materials are made available through the Marine Corps Reserve Civic Action Fund.

COMMISSIONED ENSIGN
ENSIGN GEORGE S. GAUNT
PENSACOLA, Fla. (FHTNC) — Navy Ensign George S. Gaunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Gaunt of 28 Doane Ave., Agawam, was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve on completion of the Aviation Officer Candidate Course at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.

The intensive 11-week course of training included instruction in Naval history and world affairs, Naval justice, leadership and orientation, physical fitness, swimming, effective communications, pre-navigation seamanship and military instruction.

He will now enter the flight preparation school at the Naval Aviation Schools Command to continue his training under the Naval Aviation Program.

LT. DAVILLI COMPLETES AMMUNITION COURSE

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (AHTNC) — Second Lieutenant Barry T. Davilli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Faustino V. Davilli, 229

North St., Feeding Hills, completed an ammunition officer Oct. 25 at the Army Missile and Munitions School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

During the two-month course, he learned the management and organization of ammunition maintenance and supply installations. He was also trained to direct and supervise personnel engaged in supplying ammunition, guided missiles and special explosive items under combat conditions.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

On Saturday, Nov. 9, a group of V.F.W. members supported the Moose Lodge at their Spaghetti and Meatball supper. Seen having a wonderful time were Commander and Mrs. Edward Harpin, Quartermaster and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette, Committee-men James and Mrs. Hayes, Gus Hocker and Mrs. Hocker and President of the House Committee Roland Ruelle. Mrs. Ethel Ruelle was seeing a show in New York and spending ALL Roland's money shopping but Roland was in good hands. Gus Hocker won one of the many door prizes.

Gus Hocker, Bib Bissonnette and Roland Ruelle didn't feel too much like partying as they had just finished roofing the 80 foot pavilion before taking the ladies to dinner. Just in time as snow was coming down thick and heavy the next day.

AND NOW that this snow has started it reminds me of Christmas and gifts . . . REMEMBER a gift that is NEVER too small, NEVER too large, and NEVER exchanged is a Veterans' of Foreign Wars Membership Card or a Life Membership. We now have 55% of the membership in. Auxiliary dues are also DUE. So PLEASE send them in NOW.

The Nov. 12th Auxiliary meeting was postponed because of the second snow and icy roads. We were so sorry to miss our District President Grace Kane's visit but the next visit will be announced here . . . Watch for it . . .

V.A. HOSPITAL (LEEDS)
We helped celebrate Veterans Day by sending up cupcakes from the Auxiliary. They had a nice parade and program with speaker Capt. Allan O'Brien, United States Coast Guard. Deadline for donations for the Personalized

Gift Program will be Dec. 1st. All checks except certified check must be held until "cleared." Clearing takes 6 to 10 days before funds can be expended. We have reached 60% of our goal to provide a gift for every patient in the hospital on Christmas Day. Thursday, Nov. 21 — Dance, American Red Cross.

WANTED — For Holyoke Soldiers Home: LAPBOARDS or TABLEBOARDS to hold cards upright — slotted design to keep cards in place for a man who doesn't have the use of both hands. Inez Goss, Hospital Chairman said, "It's a long, long day unless the men have some recreation and cards help the time but it's impossible to hold them with just one hand." So come on all you folk who want to help but don't know what to do . . . GIVE a patient a Card Tableboard for Christmas. Drop them off at the V.F.W. or call Hospital Chairman Betty Curran.

On Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, one of our veterans and his wife became the proud grandparents of a baby girl. We're speaking of Past Comm. Ray Negrucci and Mrs. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mario Sakellis named her Christine Lynn.

The Currans of Post and Unit were off to the Ice Capades last Friday.

Ricky Adelman, son of Past Commander R. Adelman brought home a deer on Nov. 11.

Happy Thanksgiving to All our Friends and Members.

Short column this week as we're busy with hospital dates and getting our daughter, Coral S. Bissonnette, Trustee of the Auxiliary, married.

Thursday, Nov. 28—Bingo—Patients' Committee—Recreation Hall.

Loyal Order of Moose AGAWAM LODGE No. 1935



Installation: Sunday, Nov. 24th at 1 p.m. This is for everyone who has paid their initiation fee. The ceremony will be held at St. Theresa's Hall, corner of Bridge and Church Sts., North Agawam. Bring your wife or lady friend for the free smorgasbord following the ceremony. Sponsors are requested to be there to welcome the new Brothers into the Lodge.

Christmas party for the adults will be held on Dec. 7th at St. Theresa's Hall. Each person attending is asked to bring a \$1 gift for Santa's bag. Oh yes, Santa will be there for our first annual Christmas supper and dance. Committee members for the affair are Fred Durocher, Ernie Dumond and tickets, Joe Mika and Ken Armstrong. The children's Christmas party will be Dec. 22nd.

The new Lodge is shaping up and we should be in it in a few weeks with some more help.

Congratulations to William Mitchell for becoming a member of the 25th Club.

Last Sunday was the installation of the Second Degree of the Moose, the Legionnaires, with Chicovee Lodge as host.

Brothers from Agawam Lodge receiving the degree were: Gov. Bissonnette, B. Baker, K. Armstrong, E. Dumond, F. Durocher, W. Kane, W. Mitchell, F. Smith, all were sponsored by Samuel Smith . . . Congratulations to you all.

Junior High Honor Roll

Mr. Charles Kistner, principal of the Agawam Junior High School has released the names of the students who are on the Maximum and General Honor rolls.

SEVENTH GRADE

First Term

Maximum: Jose Conti, Lisa Trimboli.

General: Ronald Ashton, Donna Bailey, Stephen Bailey, Norma Baillie, Jane Baldiga, Maureen Barry, Stephen Bennett, Joanne Bigda, Brenda Binnekade, Karen Blackwood, Colleen Blakeley, Robert Borgatti, Virginia Burr, Clarine Carey, Susanne Chlastawa, Michael Colson, Cathy Cook, Patricia Cook, Anthony D'Ambrosio, David D'Amours, Brenda DePalo, Brenda Devine, Joanne Draghetti, David Duda, Ellen Fuller, Elaine Gregory, Mi-

chael Hajec, Sanda Hall, Christine Hamel, Denise Hannon, Valarie Janulewicz, Ronald Jones, Elizabeth Kajka, Richard Langlois, Laura LaRiviere, Peter Longhi, Daniel Lunden, Sandra Martinelli, David Mason, Anthony Mercadante, Michael Messier, Valli Nichols, Lorri O'Brien, Maureen O'Connor, Daniel Query, Cynthia Reutt, Raymond Rivers, Virginia Roberts, Marcia Smith, Andrew Soffen, Elizabeth Sosnowich, Deborah L. Taylor, Deborah Thresher, Lisa Turowsky, Denise Von Hoene and Karen Waniewski.

EIGHTH GRADE First Term

Maximum: Lisa Barry, Charles Souliere.

General: Sarah Adams, Sandra Adamski Regina Anderson, Jennifer Benjamin, Debra Brignoli, Maria Cockoros, Peter Cockoros, Roger Cogswell Judy Cummings, Martin Daglio, James Dalrymple, Thomas Dennis, Susan Denoncourt, John Devine, Judith Drewnowski, Cynthia Enderly, Thomas Ennis, Steven Farnsworth, Christine Franqueza, Christopher

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